

Alexandria Gazette

SATURDAY EVENING, MAY 21.

Early Printing in America

The first work known to have been printed in America was a sort of hand book for the Spaniards, issued in 1540, having the following title: "Cristophorus Cabrera Burgeses ad lectorem fidei baptismi minister. Ecolou leonense." The author was Christopher Cabrera, of Burgos, Old Castile. The latter portion of the book is translated as follows: "This manual for adults was printed in the great city of Mexico, by the command, and at the expense of the most reverend men, Bishops of Spain, at the house of Juan Comberger, in the year of the nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, on the second day of January, on the 13th day of the month of December." But one copy of this work, and that early manuscript, is known to be in existence, it is in a private library at Madrid, Comberger, who has thus secured immortality as being the first printer in America, died in Mexico about A. D. 1544. Before leaving Spain, he had been the proprietor of a large printing office at Sevilla. After his death his son, Juan Comberger, who had followed his father to Mexico, succeeded to the proprietorship of the first American press. The first book known to have been printed in America was a vocabulary, issued at Lima, Peru, 1585. The first printing office in the English colonies was established at Cambridge, Mass., in January, 1639. Among its early issues was the Bay Psalm Book, "a most barbarous memorial version of the Psalms of David," printed by Stephen Daye, Josiah Thomas' history of Plymouth, notices a stockholder in this book that "the head of every 10th hand page the word 'Psalm' is spelled as it should be, while at the head of every right hand page it is an 'e' first, thus 'Psalm'." Copies of the book are rare, and it is said that a perfect one would now bring five hundred dollars. The growing conservatism of the Cambridge press was the production of Eliot's Latin Bible, in 1653. This is now a book that no man could read, the edition in which it is written having long since passed away, leaving no trace of their large revenue in this book and in the euphoric names they have bestowed upon certain localities in the Empire State.

To the Conservative Voters of the City of Alexandria

Edw. W. Lunt: The Conservative ticket as announced by you on the 17th inst., and announced to day, is composed of men, who are the choice of the majority of the Conservative voters and as the members of the Conservative party, should be unanimously supported by every member of our party. As you have already announced, this is no time to divide, and we must stand together. In view of the approaching Fall elections, when the most thorough and perfect organization will be required to secure our Commonwealth from the yoke of Democracy. And we therefore call upon, and urge every Conservative to fall in line, and go forward determined upon success on the 26th inst. We feel assured that every cord for the interests of our city, morally and otherwise, may be assisted by adhering to your own party. We desire to call attention to the fact that there are a large number of persons who have not yet paid their election tax for 1880, which will be required on the 26th inst., and it is important that those who have not paid should come forward at once and pay. Now, Conservatives, do your duty, stir up your friends to pay their tax, and, having done so, vote. Let every one vote on election day. By the Conservative Committee. JAMES H. CATON, Secretary.

The Conservative executive committee, after a caucus of the 17th inst., announced the following as the ticket nominated by the conservative party for the general election of the 26th inst., to wit:

- For Mayor, James T. Bookham.
- For Common Council, K. Kemper.
- For Auditor, E. L. Brockway.
- Supervisor of Police, James P. Coleman.
- Superintendent of Gas, J. C. B. Kirby.
- Chief of Gas, W. W. Harper.
- Clerk of Market, James W. Simpson.
- Collector Northern District, John T. Hill.
- Collector Southern District, S. K. Field.
- Measures of Lumber, James L. Adams and Stephen Smith.
- Measures of Wood and Bark, Wesley Makley.
- Gauger and Inspector of Liquors, I. B. Lovejoy.
- 1st Ward—Magistrate, R. H. Stanton; Alderman, W. A. Moore; Councilman, W. H. Herbert; B. H. Lambert; W. S. Moore and John W. Burke.
- 2d Ward—Magistrate, A. H. Brown; Alderman, Henry S. East; Councilman, H. V. Davis; Joseph Bosch; Leonard Marbury and John P. Rice.
- 3d Ward—Magistrate, Jas. P. Pettit; Alderman, Chas. E. Smith; Councilman, James S. Dukes, James W. Smith, Isaac Schorg and Malcolm Nelson.
- 4th Ward—Magistrate, J. M. W. Nalls; Alderman, J. H. B. Smith; Councilman, John T. Sweeney, James C. Smith, J. W. Peake and John P. 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